Effluent treatment plant at Amierpet

5070. DR ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sought financial assistance from Union Govenment for effluent treatment plant at Amierpet in Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the cost of the plant and assistance proposed to be given on account of pollution control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) The proposal for Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Amberpet was submitted by the State Government at an estimated cost of Rs. 95 crores for allocation of funds under the National River Conservation Plan. This proposal can not be considered under the National River Conservation Plan of the Central Government as Amberpet is not included in this programme.

Environment Clearance for Units

5071. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of units not granted clearance, pending for the last three years, State-wise;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of industrial units in Gujarat under consideration for clearance and details of the units proceeded against for violation of the Forest Conservation Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Details of projects not granted environmental clearance along with reasons therefor are given below. No proposal is pending environmental clearance for the last three years.

S. No. State/Name of the Project	Reasons for not granting environmental clearance
Bihar	
1. Hurilong Underground coal mine of Central Coal Fields	Due to proximity to Tiger Reserve
Gujarat	
2. Ghatwad limestone mine of M/s Ambuja Cement Ltd.	Due to proximity to Gir Wildlife Sanctuary/National park
3. Sugala limestone mine of M/s Gujarat Ambuja	Due to proximity to Gir Wildlife Sanctuary/National park
Maharashtra	
4. Lohara East coal mine of M/s ACC Ltd.	Due to proximity to the Tiger Reserve.
5. Lohara West coal mine of M/s Ace Ltd.	Due to proximity to the Tiger Reserve.
6. Chikaldhara Pumped Storage Scheme	Due to proximity to Tiger Reserve.
Uttar Pradesh	
7. Manufacture of M.S. Ingots at Surajpur Industrial Areas, Greater NOIDA by Uppal Steels & Alloys Ltd	Due to non receipt of from State Pollution Board
8. Tannery Unit at Unnao by Sadaf Enterprises Ltd.	Due to location in a non designated industrial estate

(c) Following proposals are under consideration:

A. Environmental Clearance.

(i) Expansion of Clinkarisation plant at Mithapur, Gujarat by M/s Tata Chemicals Ltd.,

(ii) Proposed product substitution in Existing pesticide plant at GIDC, Indistrial Area, Ankaleshwar, Bharuch, Gujarat by M/s FICOM.

(Hi) Expansion of pesticide manufacturing unit at GIDC, Panoli, Bharuch Distt. Gujarat of M/s, Pesticides India Ltd. B.

Forest Clearance.

(i) Salt works by Adani Chemicals in district Kutch, (ii) Underground gas pipelines by GGCL. (iii) For conveyor corridor by M/s Metdist in Amreli. (iv) Laying LPG pipeline by Gas Authority of India Ltd. in Jamnagar.

As per report of the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhopal, no industrial unit of Gujarat has been proceeded against for violation of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Urban Afforestation Programme

5072. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch urban afforestation programme in selected cities.

(b) if so, whether security would be provided in all the sectors or restricted to some sectors; and

(c) whether any assessment has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have initiated an urban afforestation programme in selected cities taking into account an assessment of the local requirements. The approach for the programme includes awareness building, public participation and involvement of local institutions in planting and protecting the trees.

FOG Due to Air Pollution

5073. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that increased amount of fog in winter is mainly due to increase in air pollution;

(b) if so, what is the pollution level detected in the air during the recent winter;

(c) whether trend shows deteriorating situation year after year; and

(d) what comprehensive plans are proposed to be taken to arrest this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Atmospheric pollutants act as a source of condensation nuclei and help in the formation of fog. However, there is no one to one correspondence between formation of fog and air pollution because the meteorological conditions required for formation of fog may not always be satisfied. Fog may be dense over unpolluted rural surroundings due to radiation cooling of the earth's surface.

(c)The occurrence of fog over North-West India during winter, particularly December and January, is a common phenomenon. No definite trend, either increasing decreasing, in the occurrence of fog has been observed during the last 10 years.

(d) Does not arise.